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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 2479

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, PO, AG  
SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR HAYNES BY NEWLY ACCREDITED  
PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR

1. IN COURTESY CALL ON ME OCTOBER 1, NEWLY-ACCREDITED  
PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR, ANTONIO MANUEL DAVEGA E MENEZES  
CORDERO, MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. HIS PREDECESSOR, ANDRE DE NASCIMENTO INFANTE, SPENT  
ONLY EIGHT MONTHS IN ALGIERS BECAUSE "HE WAS PUT IN THE  
REFRIGERATOR" BY GOA BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM OTHER ARAB  
COUNTRIES FOR GOA TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL OVER  
LATTER'S PERMITTING ISRAEL TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN LISBON.

3. BY CONTRAST, AMBASSADOR CORDERO ONLY WAITED 20 DAYS  
BEFORE HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS -- A FACT WHICH HE  
ATTRIBUTES TO (A) ALGERIA'S INCREASED MATURITY ON ARAB-  
ISRAELI ISSUE AND (B) INCREASING COMMERICAL TIES BETWEEN  
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ALGERIA AND PORTUGAL.

4. HE ADMITTED THAT GOA HAD BEEN MAKING ATTEMPTS TO  
GET PORTUGUESE TO SUPPORT GOA POSITION ON WESTERN  
SAHARA. HOWEVER, PORTUGUESE, MINDFUL OF NEED  
TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH MOROCCANS AND ALGERIANS,  
HAVE CAREFULLY AVOIDED TAKING SIDES.

5. HE MAINTAINED THAT PORTUGUESE MFA SEES POSSESSION OF TINDOUF AS REAL SOURCE OF CONFLICT BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO, WITH POLISARIO ONLY SERVING AS CONVENIENT VEHICLE FOR EXPRESSION OF THIS CONFLICT. PERSONALLY, HE FEELS THAT MOROCCANS ARE IN A NO-WIN SITUATION AND MAURITANIANS IN A SURE-LOSE POSITION BECAUSE (A) GUERRILLA WARFARE OVERCOMES OVER TIME, (B) MOROCCAN MONARCHY IS AN ANACHRONISM AND (C) MAURITANIANS ARE A WEAKENED NATION THAT CANNOT DECIDE WHETHER IT HAS MORE TO FEAR FROM ALGERIA, POLISARIO OR MOROCCO.

6. CORDERO MAINTAINS HE IS ABLE TO EXPLOIT PRESENT GOOD CLIMATE IN ALGERIAN-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS BECAUSE MANY OF ALGERIAN OFFICIALS ARE KNOWN TO PORTUGUESE AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU THAT TOOK PLACE HERE IN ALGIERS.

7. AMBASSADOR CORDERO SERVED MOST RECENTLY IN SOFIA AND BEFORE THAT IN BRASILIA, FROM WHICH POST HE WAS REMOVED DURING ONE OF UPHEAVALS IN PORTUGAL. HE IS 52 YEARS OLD, MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN. ANY FURTHER BIO DATA ON CORDERO AVAILABLE FROM DEPT OR INFO POSTS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.HAYNES

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